

Deputies' Meeting

Wednesday, 31 December 1952

PRESENT: Messrs. Dulles, Wisner, Wolf, Becker, Hedden, ☐

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Mr. Wisner:

a. Raised the question of certain papers on the ☐ matter which his FE Division was sending to Mr. Becker and asked to be informed of Becker's action with respect to them.

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c. Pointed out the story on the front page of the WASHINGTON POST for 31 December to the effect that Judge Kaufman may grant a stay of execution in the Rosenberg case. Mr. Wisner felt that any statement which the White House makes on this case should be made with Kaufman's action in mind. He reported further that at its special meeting yesterday the PSB had adopted with some modifications the statement proposed by CIA. Mr. Dulles said that we could assume that the White House would take Kaufman's action into account.

☐ Mentioned the special briefing for General Eisenhower on project originally scheduled for Friday and asked that he be kept informed on the Director's intentions with respect to this briefing.

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e. Reported on the situation in Colombia. Mr. Hedden agreed that we were facing in that area one of the most serious situations which could possibly arise and felt that we lack clear policy guidance with respect to Central America.

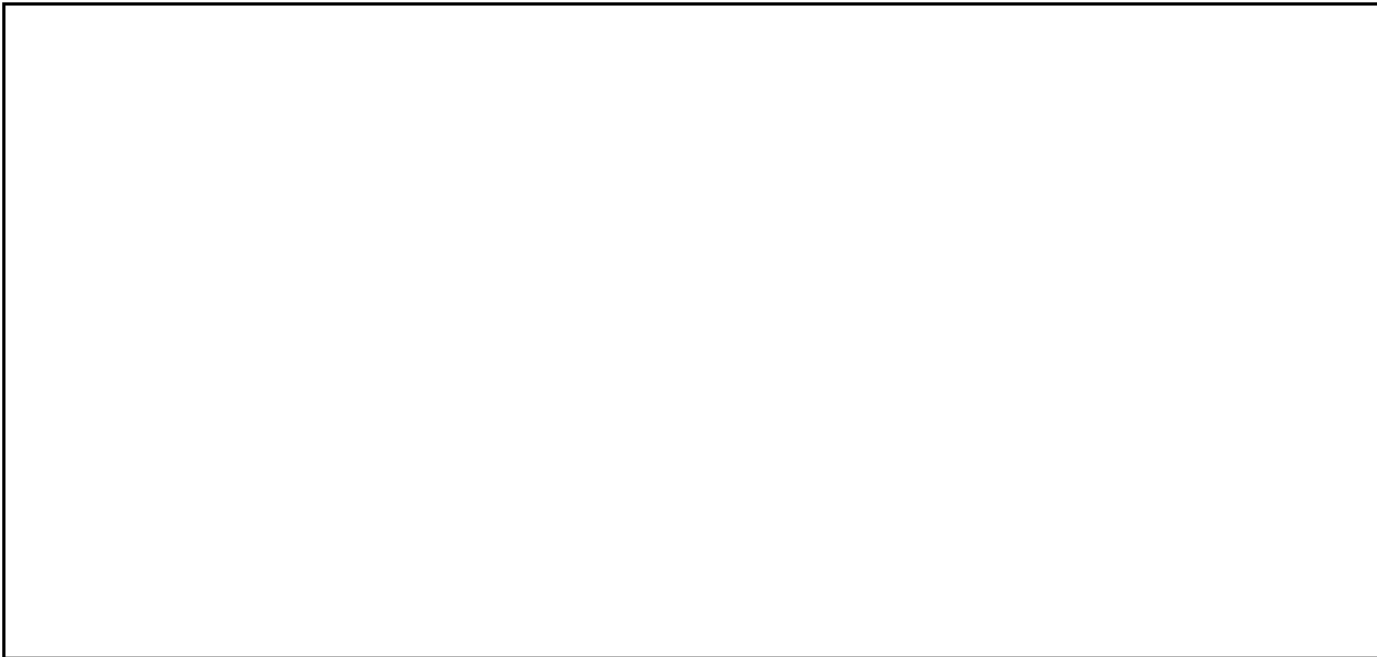
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Mr. Wisner (Cont'd.)



Mr. Wolf reported that the budget finally agreed to in the Director's office ten days ago had been badly man-handled by the Bureau of the Budget in their preparation of the letter of authority from Mr. Lawton. Mr. Wolf further reported in a meeting with Lawton yesterday he had obtained Lawton's acceptance of any rewrite job which we might prepare and that the rewrite was going forward currently.

Mr. Becker reported that he had met with Gen. Lemnitzer on the Summary Evaluation paper and that the result was a draft directive nominating Gen. Edwards as an appointee of the NSC to serve as chairman of the ad hoc committee on this paper.

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